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CARACAS FOR DEA

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SUBJECT: ASSAULT ON DEA ATTACHE

1. ON MARCH 4, 1976, THE SECURITY OFFICE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPORT DATED MARCH 3, 1976, FROM SAIC, DEA:
"AT APPROXIMATELY 8:30 P.M. 2/25/76, S/A JOSE HINOJOSA WAS TRAVELLING ALONG LIBERTADOR AVENUE AT OLIVOS. THE S/A WAS ENROUTE TO HIS RESIDENCE IN LA LUCILA. VEHICLE N-6878 WITH EMBASSY PROVIDED REGISTRATION R 033124 WAS DRIVEN. WHEN THE S/A WAS PASSING THE OLIVOS PRESIDENCIAL RESIDENCE TRAFFIC WAS EXTREMELY HEAVY AND SLOW. A SIREN WAS HEARD BUT THE S/A COULD NOT DETERMINE THE SOURCE. NO RED OR BLINKING LIGHTS WERE OBSERVED AND THE SIREN WAS USED ONCE ONLY AND FOR A BRIEF INTERVAL. S/A HINOJOSA PROCEEDED FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE BLOCKS TO THE TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE LA LUCILA UNDERPASS WHERE TRAFFIC WAS STOPPED FOR A RED LIGHT. BEHIND THE OGV A LIGHT BLUE FORD FALCON WITH THREE MALE SUBJECTS ALSO STOPPED. THE S/A OBSERVED TWO SUBJECTS AS THEY GOT OUT OF THE FALCON. THEY APPROACHED THE S/A FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE OGV. ONE SUBJECT HAD A .45 CAL. AUTOMATIC WHICH HE PUT TO THE S/A'S HEAD. THIS SUBJECT TOLD THE S/A THAT IF HE MOVED THE S/A WAS DEAD AND TO GET OUT OF THE CAR. ON THE PASSENGER SIDE A SECOND SUBJECT POINTED A SUBMACHINE GUN OF UNDETERMINED MAKE AND CALIBER
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AT THE S/A. S/A HINOJOSA KEPT HIS HANDS IN PLAIN VIEW AND

REPLIED THAT SOMEONE SHOULD OPEN THE DOOR AND HE WOULD GET OUT WILLINGLY. THIS WAS DONE AND THE S/A WAS PUSHED AGAINST THE OGV WHILE REPEATEDLY RECEIVING HARD KIDNEY BLOWS WITH THE FRONT END OF THE .45 CAL. PISTOL. A THIRD PARTY EMERGED FROM THE FALCON AND ASKED WHERE THE VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES WERE ISSUED. HE WAS TOLD THAT THEY WERE FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. SUBJECT ASKED THE S/A WHAT HE WAS AND WAS TOLD DIPLOMAT. HE ASKED WHAT COUNTRY AND WAS TOLD NORTH AMERICA AT WHICH POINT THE S/A WAS HIT UPON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE HEAD WITH THE .45 PISTOL, WAS CALLED A SON OF A BITCH AND TOLD TO DRIVE OFF AND NOT TURN BACK. THE S/A DROVE TO THE NEXT BLOCK WHERE HE TURNED RIGHT AND CIRCLED THE BLOCK IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET BEHIND THE FALCON. THIS ATTEMPT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. AT NO TIME DID THE THREE SUBJECTS IDENTIFY THEMSELVES NOR DID THEY REQUEST DOCUMENTS OF THE S/A. ALTHOUGH THE LIGHT BLUE FALCON SEDAN COULD HAVE BEEN A POLICE VEHICLE NO RADIO ANTENNA WAS VISIBLE NOR WERE THE SOUNDS OF A POLICE RADIO HEARD."

2. RSO COMMENT:

A. THIS OFFICE OBTAINED FROM THE GOA A SERIES OF NON-DIPLOMATIC VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES. THOSE PLATES ARE PROVIDED TO STAFF MEMBERS AT THEIR REQUEST AND MAY BE USED ON BOTH OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE VEHICLES. WHEN ISSUE TAKES PLACE, THE RECEIVING PARTY IS PROVIDED WITH AN OFFICIAL LETTER OF EXPLANATION CONCERNING THE GOA AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF THE PLATES. IN ADDITION, STAFF MEMBERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO CARRY IN THEIR VEHICLES THEIR DIPLOMATIC PLATES WHICH IS REFLECTED ON THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

B. BOTH MILITARY AND POLICE ELEMENTS OF THE GOA ARE USING UNMARKED VEHICLES OCCUPIED BY NON-UNIFORM MEMBERS IN THEIR COUNTER-TERRORIST EFFORTS. WHILE IT IS THE OPINION OF THIS OFFICE THAT THIS INCIDENT WAS PERPETRATED BY POLICE, POSSIBLY ACTING ON OWN AND WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, EMBASSY IS REPORTING CASE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND ASKING FOR FULL INVESTIGATION.
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